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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 25 March 1981Admiral Inman chaired the meeting.

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Hugel commented that his appearance before the Security Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee went well. Thorpe said DIA's presentation didn't go over so well.

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Briggs noted the Secretary of State's interest in the Terpil-Wilson case and said the case has a blow back potential. Briggs said Evans has informed State that the General Counsel is the Agency's focal point for any information on the case. Briggs added he has voluminous files on Agency personnel who are knowledgeable of Terpil-Wilson activity. Admiral Inman asked Silver to provide him and the Director with a summary of all the aspects of the case. Hetu reported that "20-20" is doing a special on terrorism in which the Terpil-Wilson case will be covered and recommended that since we have the opportunity to preview the show we should do so. Admiral Inman will advise Hetu after he consults with Silver and McMahon.

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client. Silver said he is reluctant to get involved in this but Justice has asked his office to talk to the attorney. Silver said he is checking with the DDO to see if the material could be important enough to necessitate a meeting. (Action: GC)

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Clarke recommended that we tell the appropriate Congressional Committees that our briefings--scheduled for this week and early next week--on SNIE 11/2-81: Soviet Support for International Terrorism has to be postponed. Admiral Inman agreed and told Thorpe to inform the Committees that we can probably brief after 3 April. Admiral Inman wants it made clear to the Committees that the postponement is not an embargo but is an attempt to sort out and report on differences regarding the evidence and analysis presented in the paper. Thorpe pointed out we had done this in regard to a Nicaragua briefing and still were accused of embargoing the briefing.

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Fitzwater reported that the perceptions from the recruiters are pessimistic about getting people to go overseas. Individuals interviewed cited hazards overseas and finances as the major reasons. One West Coast minority recruiter said he expected to run into demonstrations on campus. In response to Hugel's question about how we advertise, Fitzwater briefed and said we are seeing a down turn of interest in the Agency. Admiral Inman agreed and said the lack of interest probably is a result of the recent concern about domestic spying and added he believed it was only temporary. In response to Admiral Inman's questions about filling our quota for the year and whether we should check with other agencies, Fitzwater replied we would meet our quota for this year and that he had checked with other agencies, which are facing cuts, to see if they had qualified people or applicants who might be able to work here. Admiral Inman said he would schedule an Executive Committee meeting for late April to discuss the health and status of recruiting, overseas assignments, and pay. (Action: Executive Committee) [REDACTED]

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Lehman noted that a paper on the Horn of Africa, and possibly the Cuban paper, will be ready for presentation to the NFIB on 2 April. [REDACTED]

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Admiral Inman initiated a discussion of the request for increase in CIA overseas pay by saying the staff papers he has received recommend delaying the increase to 1 July rather than implementing them on 1 April. He added the papers indicate there is no money for a 1 April implementation unless some programs are cut. Lipton said the implementation could begin on 1 April, but he is concerned about Congressional reaction. Lipton explained the funding problems saying there is a "must fund" list, including pay, for the remainder of the year totaling [REDACTED] which must be paid or have a higher priority than the pay increase. He said if our supplemental request comes through Congress intact we probably can meet all obligations; however, we must decide what programs we want to discontinue in case our request is reduced. Hugel suggested a 1 July pay increase implementation date with the possibility of making it retroactive to 1 April. Admiral Inman said this can't be done because we have not included this item in our funding request. He added he would be willing to begin the increase on 1 April if we identify programs now that we can discontinue. He asked Lipton to meet with Directorates and get back to him by tomorrow. Meanwhile, Admiral Inman asked that a message be prepared to the field informing them that the pay increases will begin on 1 July and explaining to them in some detail the fiscal position of the Agency which necessitates the postponement to 1 July. [REDACTED]

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In response to Admiral Inman's question about the status of CIA's submission to the NFIC paper on E.O. 12036, Silver replied that a call had gone out for comments and Agency input to the NFIC paper is due 1 April. Admiral Inman asked Gates to inform the NSC that we would be ready to discuss E.O. 12036 during the week of 13 April. In response to Silver's question, Admiral Inman said there would be an NFIC the Friday prior to the discussion. Cross then raised the status of the Katzenbach restrictions. Silver said he was looking into them to see what, if anything, has to be done to alleviate the prohibitions. Admiral Inman commented he thought E.O. 11905 was drafted to replace all the previous restrictions under the Katzenbach Order and that E.O. 12036 eventually superseded 11905. Lehman and Taylor noted that when 11905 was formulated the Katzenbach restrictions were never considered or mentioned probably out of ignorance of their existence.

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Admiral Inman discussed SNIE 11/2-81: Soviet Support for International Terrorism and remarked that it came across like a "lawyer's brief." Admiral Inman said we should not be reluctant to say we have no evidence of Soviet involvement in terrorism, but we should provide judgments of what the likelihood is that evidence will be detected.

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